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Georgia Southern Announces Two Future Non-Conference Football Opponents

Eagles will host Gardner-Webb University, The Citadel in coming years

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STATESBORO - Georgia Southern Director of Athletics [Tom Kleinlein](#) announced Wednesday the addition of Gardner-Webb University and The Citadel for the 2021 and 2023 seasons, respectively. The Eagles will host the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs on Sept. 4, 2021 and the Citadel Bulldogs on Sept. 2, 2023 at Allen E. Paulson Stadium in Statesboro.

Georgia Southern and Gardner-Webb have met once before in 2002 when the Eagles dominated the Bulldogs 52-0. The Bulldogs, who compete in the Big South Conference, went 1-10 last season.

Georgia Southern and The Citadel have a long history as rivals in the Southern Conference. Georgia Southern is 19-5 all-time against The Citadel. Georgia Southern has not played The Citadel since 2015, when the Eagles topped the Bulldogs 48-13.

The Citadel, who competes in the Southern Conference (SoCon), went 5-6 last season, finishing sixth in its conference.

Georgia Southern joined the SoCon in 1991, winning 10 conference championships during its time in the conference.

For now, this is how the announced future non-conference slate stacks up through 2027:

2019

Aug. 31 - at LSU (Baton Rouge, La.)

Sept. 7 - vs. Maine (Paulson)

Sept. 14 - at Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Oct. 26 - vs. New Mexico State (Paulson)

2020

Sept. 5 - at Boise State (Boise, Idaho)

Sept. 12 - vs. Campbell (Paulson)

Sept. 19 - vs. Florida Atlantic (Paulson)

Oct. 31 - at Ole Miss (Oxford, Miss.)

2021

Sept. 4 - Gardner-Webb (Paulson)

Sept. 18 - at Arkansas (Fayetteville, Ark.)

Sept. 25 - at Florida Atlantic (Boca Raton, Fla.)

Nov. 20 - BYU (Paulson)

2022

Sept. 10 - at Nebraska (Lincoln, Neb.)

Sept. 17 - at UAB (Birmingham, Ala.)

Sept. 24 - Ball State (Paulson)

TBA - Home vs. FCS

2023

Sept. 2 - The Citadel (Paulson)

Sept. 9 - UAB (Paulson)

Sept. 16 - at Wisconsin (Madison, Wisc.)

Sept. 23 - at Ball State (Muncie, Ind.)

2024

Aug. 31 - Boise State (Paulson)

Oct. 12 - at BYU (Provo, Utah)

TBA - Away vs. FBS

TBA - Home vs. FCS

2025

Oct. 4 - Liberty (Paulson)

TBA - Away vs. FBS

TBA - Away vs. FBS

TBA - Home vs. FCS

2026

Sept. 26 - Houston (Paulson)

Oct. 10 - at Liberty (Lynchburg, Va.)

TBA - Away vs. FBS

TBA - Home vs. FCS

2027

Sept. 18 - at Houston (Houston, Texas)

TBA - Away vs. FBS

TBA - Home vs. FBS

TBA - Home vs. FCS

* - subject to change